

Remarks

Claims 33-82 are pending in the application, with claims 33 and 55 being the independent claims. Claims 1-32 were previously cancelled in a preliminary amendment filed in the present application on December 9, 2003.

The Examiner has requested restriction to one of two inventions:

- I. Claims 1 to 32, and
- II. Claims 33 to 82.

However, as stated above, claims 1-32 were previously cancelled. Thus, Applicants elect claims 33-82 of invention I, without traverse.

Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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